AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for co-ordinating a group of members, the group comprising a first member and one or more other members, each member being arranged to communicate with the other members of the group via a network, the method comprising, at the first one of said group members, the steps of:

monitoring at least one waiting channel for messages indicating that at least one of the one or more other members are joined to the waiting channel; and, said waiting channel relating to an action or process to be performed;

determining from said monitoring if all of the other members have left the waiting channel; and

commencing said action or process in the event that it is determined as a result of said monitoring when the messages indicate that all of the other members have left the waiting channel, performing an action or process

wherein said action or process to be performed comprises transmitting data onto one or more other channels.

2.   Cancelled.

3.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[2]]1, wherein at least one of the one or more other channels is a multicast channel.

4.   (Previously Presented)   A method according to claim 2, wherein the data is audio and/or video data.

5.   (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the action or process is to perform a predetermined task.

6.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein in the case of there being a plurality of other members the waiting channel is a multicast channel.

7.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the messages are generated by a network router.

8.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the messages are Multicast Source Notification of Interest Protocol (MSNIP) messages.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, and further comprising the steps of announcing which channel is the waiting channel to the one or more other members.

10-16. Cancelled.

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium or media storing a computer program or suite of programs so arranged such that when executed by a computer system the program or programs cause the computer system to operate according to the method of claim 1.

18.   Cancelled.

19.   (Currently Amended) A device arranged to co-ordinate with one or more

other devices, each device being arranged to communicate via a network, the device

comprising:

channel monitoring means arranged in use to monitor at least one waiting channel

for messages indicating that at least one of the one or more others of said devices are

joined to the waiting channel and, said waiting channel relating to an action or process to

be performed and to determine from monitoring said waiting channel if all of the other

members have left the waiting channel; and

means for performing an action or process so arranged such that when the

messages indicatein the event that it is determined as a result of monitoring performed by

said channel monitoring means waiting channel that all of the other devices have left the

waiting channel, the means performsfor performing an action or process commences said

action or process[[.]],

wherein the means for performing an action or process comprises data

transmission means arranged in use to transmit data onto on or more other channels.

20.   Cancelled.

21.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim [[20]]19, wherein at

least one of the one or more other channels is a multicast channel.

22.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim [[20]]19, wherein the

data is audio and/or video data.

23.   (Original) A device according to claim 19, wherein the means for performing an action or process are further arranged in use to perform a predetermined task.

24.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 19, wherein in the case of there being a plurality of other devices and the waiting channel isbeing a multicast channel[[.]], said channel monitoring means is for monitoring such a multicast channel.

25.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 19, wherein the messages arechannel monitoring means is arranged to monitor said at least one waiting channel for messages generated by a network router.

26.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 19, wherein the messages are Multicast Source Notification of Interest Protocol (MSNIP) messages.

27-34. Cancelled.

35.   (Currently Amended) A method of group co-ordination using a network, wherein members of a group other than a first member join at least one network channel designated as a waiting channel whilst performing an action or process, and then leave the waiting channel once the action or process has been performed, wherein the first member of the group then performs commences an action or process comprising transmitting data onto one or more channels other than said waiting channel.

36.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[34]]35, wherein messages are sent to the first member on the waiting channel indicating whether or not any of the other members are joined to the waiting channel.

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